



2023 Annual Membership Meeting

March 27, 2024

El Zarco Restaurant

Grand View, WI

**Our mission is to facilitate the conservation and enjoyment of
the Lincoln Community Forest**



WisCorp Crew Building Mikinaak Lake Boardwalk



Outgoing Board Member
Erin Ebert - THANK
YOU!!!

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Agenda for Annual Meeting:

Secretary's Report - Grant Ebert (Secretary)

Financial Report - Bryan Woolever (Treasurer)

Election of board members (Pam Dryer)

2023 accomplishments and 2024 plans - Pam Dryer, President

Other Business

Priorities and Accomplishments in 2023

Keep the Face of the Forest appealing for people and wildlife:

- Built Boardwalk to Mikinaak Lake using WisCorps crew of 6 for 1 week.
- Received \$27,000 from 4 grants and 10 individual donations for Mikinaak Lake Boardwalk materials, construction, and interpretive signs.
- Kiosk insert provided and installed by Landmark Conservancy.
- Trail maintenance ongoing throughout the summer and fall. Nothing major in 2023.
- Grooming for classic and skate skiing. Trails used for snowshoeing.

Grow our Education program and engage the local and regional community:

- Maintained kiosk and little library. Little Library continuously updated by Teri Isaac.
- Held 11 Second Saturday activities; all but one held in the Forest, which brought new people to the Forest as well as new members.
- Received donations as part of our Boardwalk fundraising that will be used for interpretive signs, including funding from Chequamegon Food Coop from Dec. Round-up Program

Keep our organization viable:

- Maintained our social media presence by having a strong team in place: Email updates about 4 times per year; social media postings monthly. Ads in Bottom Line News for Second Saturday Activities. Web site updates ongoing,
- We have a good working relationship with Landmark Conservancy.
- Ensured sound finances; exceeded our revenue goals. Our Endowment continues to grow.
- 98% of our work is done by volunteers, except Boardwalk built by WisCorps. We have a viable, strong and passionate Board, Committee Chairs and volunteers who collectively donated over 500 hours of their time to keep us viable.

Manage the Forest for Wildlife, Diversity and Climate Resilience:

- Maintained white pine plantings located in aspen harvest areas. (Landmark Conservancy)
- Monitored and controlled invasive plants. (Landmark Conservancy)
- Monitored the Forest in general and communicated with WI DNR and US Forest Service. (Landmark Conservancy)
- Monitored and maintained protective tubes around red oak and white spruce planted after aspen harvest. (FLCF)
- Water quality testing for Superior Rivers Watershed Association at 3 sites, 2 on and 1 off Forest.
- Helped maintain turtle sites, bat houses and beaver deceiver.

2023 Financial Report and 2024 Annual Budget

FLCF Annual Budget	Budget 2023	Year End 2023	Budget 2024
January 1 cash available			
Savings	4,899.43	4,899.43	4,899.43
Checking	11,445.93	15,735.55	15,735.55
Total Cash on Hand	16,345.36	20,634.98	20,634.98
Revenue/Income			
Memberships	2,000.00	1,300.00	2,000.00
Donations	2,000.00	1,851.41	2,000.00
Boardwalk	16,500.00	26,700.00	
Other revenue-grant			1,000.00
Other revenue-endowment		7.00	
Donation pipe	200.00	194.50	200.00
Product/event sales	1,250.00	566.00	1,250.00
Bench sales	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Annual Revenue	23,150.00	30,618.91	7,650.00
Expenses			
Membership & Communications	300.00	92.94	300.00
Forest Projects	21,538.00	21,663.20	1,538.00
Fundraising	1,100.00	831.79	1,100.00
Education	800.00	550.00	4,800.00
Endowment	0.00	250.00	0.00
Operations	1,805.00	2,081.33	2,505.00
Total Expenditures	25,543.00	25,469.26	10,243.00
Revenue vs. Expenditures	-2,393.00	5,149.65	-2,593.00
Forest Forever Fund Endowment – Year End 2023 - \$42,069			

2024 Priorities based on Board and Committee Plans and Budget

Keep the Face of the Forest appealing for people and wildlife:

- Hold 6 Second Saturday Monthly programs (Feb, April, May, Sept., October, November)
- Continue with our trail maintenance to keep people engaged and safe. Groom in winter.
- Sell, build and place new benches along trail.
- Maintain and monitor turtle sites, bat houses and beaver deceiver.
- Continue water quality monitoring with Superior Rivers Watershed Association.

Grow our Education Program and engage the local and regional community:

- Develop interpretive plan for Mikinaak Lake Boardwalk and other areas of the Forest.
- Design and install interpretive signs at Boardwalk and decide on other sign needs/locations.
- Most Second Saturday Activities will be educational.
- Keep kiosk fresh and little library full of children’s nature books.
- Learn how to engage indigenous values and knowledge in our programs.
- Provide volunteers and food for Hungry Bear Gravel Ride & Race rest stop.

Keep our organization viable:

- Grow our Forest Forever Fund – goal of \$5,000 new donations in 2024.
- Engage and show gratitude for volunteers, Board of Directors and Committee Chairs, Members, Partners, Landmark Conservancy and our local Community.
- Improve social media and print media presence. Continue to update our web site.
- Work with Landmark Conservancy to update MOU.

2023 Board of Directors - Thank You!

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*3-year term expires and leaving Board.

Board candidates for March 11, 2023 election:

New: Carl Sack (1 year term), Jade Livingston (2 year term)

Renew 3 year term: Pam Dryer, Grant Ebert, Emily Blodgett

Committees

Forest Projects: Mark Dryer, Chair

This Committee identifies and implements trail and wildlife projects in the Forest.

Fundraising: Kim Sturm (Chair in 2023) now vacant

This Committee identifies revenue sources and conducts actions to raise money.

Forest Forever Fund: Mark Dryer, Chair

This Committee develops and implements programs that provide for a permanent endowment.

Education: Teri Isaac and Kathy Zuelsdorff, Co-Chairs

This committee identifies and carries out education opportunities in relation to the Forest.

Communications and Membership: Pam Dryer, Chair

This Committee recruits and maintains memberships, manages the member database, and conducts outreach.